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Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: When Tuesday Weld's days as a leading lady are over, would she consider playing the part of a villainess? — Jan Colson, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Jan: Tuesday is ready right now. She says if somebody offers her Bette Davis' old "Of Human Bondage" part in another re-make, she'll do it in cockney at the drop of an "h." And adds: "Don't knock it — Shelley Winters just got an Oscar for slapping Liz Hartman around in 'A Patch of Blue'!"

Dear Mr. C.: Is Mrs. Miller of "Mrs. Miller's Greatest Hits" really an "overnight" star? If she is, there's still hope for the rest of us old-timers! — Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, Coconut Grove, Fla.

Dear Mrs. McWhorter: Elva Miller has been grabbing for that brass ring since 1960. That's right, she started nagging the record companies to take her on six years ago, and it wasn't until a young eager-beaver named Fred Bock got the idea of billing her as "another Florence Foster Jenkins" that she caught on. Even so, everyone in show business is startled by our new phenomama.

Sir: What do movie people refer to when they use the word "camp" — I mean as applying to other performers? — Jack Gardelle, St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

Dear Jack: Mrs. Elva Miller, Mae West, the late Gustav von Seyffertitz, Talulah Bankhead, Beatrice Lillie, Shirley Temple (but only when she sang "On the Good Ship Lollipop"), Adam West, Sybil Jason, and Nova Pilbeam.

Dear Mike: I've always been curious about what the "Q" stands for in Robert Q. Lewis' name. I hope you can solve this mystery for me. — Sandy Planz, San Carlos, Calif.

Dear Sandy: I tried. I asked Bob. He says it means "Quit buggin' me."

Dear Mike: Is it true that the secret passion of Don Grady (of "My Three Sons") is going barefoot? Does he have a manicurist for his feet? — Terry Hicks, Victoria, Texas.

Dear Terry: It's true but it's not a passion it's sheer ecstasy. He's his own pedicurist.

Dear Mr. C.: Wayne Stam, in a recent "Favorite Martian" show, crash-landed on earth and couldn't get back to Mars. I've been watching and watching for him to appear on the show again but no soap. What happened to him? — Rita Marie Murphy, Queens Village, N.Y.

Dear Rita Marie: Wayne was supposed to be a regular member of the cast next season but the sponsors

cancelled out. "No soap" doesn't quite apply: he's going to work in a daytime soap opera.

Dear Mike: I am seriously thinking about becoming a comedian and would like to know if there is any way to get some of the comedians' scripts. For example, some of Red Skelton's — the ones he uses in his solo act at the beginning of his shows. — William B. Katzen, Marblehead, Mass.

Dear William: Most comedians would rather cut off their right arm than surrender their scripts. I suggest you make tape recordings, or take notes, as did Milton Berle's mother when Miltie was a burgeoning funnyman. But then the other comedians started calling Miltie "The Thief of Bad Gags," and I'm sure you wouldn't settle for that so perhaps it would be better if you did something original.

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You can call it buffet, cafeteria, chuck wagon, anything you want but it still boils down to just good food. Among the selections are 10 different entrees, wonderful desserts and the homest made bread you've ever tasted. There are children's portions available at the Western Buffet and they're open daily from 5 'til 9 and on Sundays from noon 'til 8. Take a tip from here, though . . . don't go there on Mondays . . . they're closed.

In his present 65-seat capacity restaurant, Floyd Freeman enjoys the distinction of probably being the first man to open a buffet-type restaurant in the L. A. area that didn't also feature alcoholic beverages and, in fact, friends told him 7 years ago he'd lose his shirt in such a venture. Well, he proved them all wrong and even has new shirts to back it up.

And that home-made bread they have down there is really something! Before leaving the other day, Floyd "laid a loaf" on the old Checker who in turn took it home Report: didn't last a day. Matter of fact, it had been entirely devoured by the time we got home the next site. So by all means, insist that Floyd trot out some of that delicious dough at his Western Buffet.

Having an affair??? Well, here's a charming spot that's not new to most of you but in the event you aren't acquainted with the Plush Horse Restaurant, they've got

facilities down there in Hollywood Riviera that won't quit. Reasonably priced, too. Two and a half per person and they can handle anywhere from 25 to 400 guests for luncheons or dinners, business meetings, Bar Mitzvah's, or what have you.

Now if you'd like to get filled in a little more completely just give the Catering Manager a call down there and she'll give you the complete run-down. And they've got a couple of 'phone numbers for you—one FR 8-9211 and the other is SP 2-3838. You can get her on either or both.

Here's something for you all who can't quite make the trip to catch the Indianapolis 500 this year. You know, of course, that it'll not be on TV but you can still catch all the action at the Warner Theatre in San Pedro with a nice comfortable reserved seat. It's Golden Jubilee time y'know—that ever-lovin' Memorial Day classic on Monday, May 30.

Take some friendly advice from here, however, and make reservations like now for your space at Warner's. The race starts at eight ayem. And, according to all reports, it's going to be quite different this year. "More streamlined than Jimmy Clark's winning Lotus of last year." So says car builder Ted Halibrand, who will have four strikes entered this year in this classic of classics. But now, of course, this is only one we mention here. There's not space to give you a run-down on all the entries but rest assured, you'll be in for 3½ hours of some of the most spectacular auto racing you've yet seen. Entertainment at its best on the wide

screen at Warner's San Pedro.

Hey now, got a little goodie here for you. It's The Red Balloon at 17544 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance.

Just look at this for an offer! Southern fried chicken on an "all you can eat" basis for 99 cents from 11 in the ayem 'til they close up at midnite. How's that grab you?

During our conversation with manager Clara Dahlke Monday morning, we found out that since opening the brand new addition to the Red Balloon, she is now able to handle a whole "passel" more of you food-hungry folks — now boasting of 175 seating capacity, including counter service.

The new section to the already beautifully appointed and ample room can be closed off for private party

catering, too. Anywhere up to 50 persons at once Better call ahead of time, however, if you want to nail down some space for such action.

There's ample parking at the Red Balloon with a special child's menu at your disposal.

Something else to attract you and yours is the exceptional home made pastries available.

Then on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. 'til closing for a mere two-fifty it's the roast prime rib of beef with all the fixings, so you know, when you make it to the Red Balloon, you'll not starve. Make this scene soon.

Remember we were talking about the geezie-weezie cocktail hour they have down at The Tea House on Crenshaw near Pacific Coast Hwy.? Well one nite last week although the regulars wanted to prove the point, a brand new couple came in to have "just one" before the dinner. Somehow the gang found out it was Emily's birthday and the entire bar sang "the" song for her. So what happened? They stayed on and on and were still there when "The King" Benny arrived with his uke and he, too, gave them a salute. Made them feel right at home, it did.

Then to carry this "feel at home" business even farther, Uncle Joe Woo put together one of his very special repasts for the happy couple.

Uncle Joe, y'know, is Chef de Cuisine at The Tea House. And an excellent chef he is, too. As you probably know, he's the one responsible for those tasty o'douvers that Ronnie lays out on the bar every cocktail hour. If you don't believe it, ask Mott Farrell of the Western Savings. Bet he had three servings one day down there last week . . .

So anytime you see Ronnie open that little door between the bar and the kitchen and hold up two fingers, you know you're in for an "Uncle Joe's" treat. So don't go away!

Up the street from there is the Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant and we were in there one nite a short time ago when we noticed customers strolling out with little bags in their hot little hands. Couldn't figure it out for a time 'til finally in desperation we examined one of the bags closely. Know what it said on the bag? It read "People Bag" which seems from here to be quite a cute gimmick. Now you KNOW all those people in and around our fine Southland restaurants who go trotting out with little bags, aren't taking all those left-overs home for the pooch so why not call a spade a spade. You know it's going into the old man's lunch bucket the next day!

By the way, don't forget the ample banquet facilities the Indian Village has to offer. They can take care of from 20 all the way up to a couple hundred people, all in one sitting for either luncheon or dinner. Even dinner-

dances, wedding receptions, just name it and Manager Virginia Haack can fulfill your order. And though you can get just about anything you want food-wise at the Smith Bros., fish and seafood specialties still head the list of goodies.

In case you don't know or perhaps just didn't recall, you have just about 5 nites left in which to catch the current attraction up at the Hunting Horn on Peninsula Center. That's the Mike Melvojn Trio all the rest of the week and then, come Tuesday the 24th it'll be Art Thompson's Duo during the week, growing to a full blown trio for the week-end. Piano, bass, and drums as well as lots of vocals for danceable and listenable music.

Then for a happy and comfortable change of pace it's Charlie Murchison at the grand piano-bar on Sundays.

Before we forget, if you happen to notice bar manager Will String limping about the Hunting Horn, be herewith advised he got it "in line of duty" when he attempted to show day-man Don how to work the CO2 tank. (that's a carbonation tank, ninnie!) Trouble was, Will opened the valve just a bit too far and the thing became airborne and got away from the both the man and the piano. S'pose, when it ran out of gas, so to speak, was when it wound up on Wilbur's hoof. Ah, well, it's just another one of those occupational hazards you must encounter in the bar business.

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